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Dear Examiner Hong:

Please find attached the following document to be entered in the above-identified application:

- Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which
begins on page 8 of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 16 of this paper and include
an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures
is attached following page 21 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.

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